

WASHINGTON CRITIC

GENERAL NEWS OF THE DAY.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon fire broke out in Hamlin's hardware store at St. Augustine, Fla., as the result of an explosion in the oil room. The flames spread rapidly to the buildings east and southeast under the influence of a strong wind toward the bay, and before they could be checked destroyed a number of buildings on the south side of the plaza near the sea-wall. The north side of the plaza, including the old cathedral and St. Augustine Hotel, was burned last spring, but the cathedral has been restored. In the fire yesterday no totals were destroyed, but the total loss in buildings and stock will aggregate \$200,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$60,000.

A long interview during the week between Count Kinsky and the German Ambassador led to accord between the two governments. The serious character of the situation has never been more testy in Austrian official circles. The Government has never been unkindly to the Russian armaments, and in the face of the Russian armaments the authorities have never for a moment been silent; but the Government is anxious to avoid as long as possible measures capable of being interpreted by Russia, as acts of provocation. Preparations are complete for the dispatch of re-enforcements of cavalry to Galicia in the event of fresh movements of Russian troops. The erection of forts is now proceeding actively along the line of defense. Timber which has been lying in readiness since the spring is being utilized, and accommodations or re-enforcements will soon be provided.

The annual address before the Alabama State Bar Association was delivered by Judge John F. Dillon of New York yesterday, his subject being "A Century of American Law." He said Blackstone's Commentaries faithfully mirrored American and English law of a century ago. He noticed the following changes in American law: Abolishment of imprisonment for debt; the liberal homestead laws, by which 200,000 heads of families had taken up more than 100,000,000 acres of land; the liberal law relative to women, reduction of capital offenses from 200 to 4 in England and 2 in America; adoption of codes and abolition of common law practice; admission of all parties as competent witnesses, and the great growth of corporations and corporation laws. He then alluded to the growth of legal literature in this country.

From certain movements of gentlemen who are well posted, it appears that there is being secretly organized an immense scheme to make a raid on Oklahoma in early spring. This movement extends over two or three States, the arrangement being that the way to open the Indian Territory to settlement is to open it. They say that a hundred thousand men will go into the Territory at a given date, and that the Government has not enough troops to keep them out. One of the leaders of the scheme lives at Ed. Dorado, Kim, and says they mean business now on.

The steamship City of Sydney arrived yesterday at San Francisco from Hong Kong and Yokohama. Chinese papers give details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow River overflowing its banks in the Province of Honan, and describe it as one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The river broke its banks on the evening of September 25, south west of the city of Ching-tung, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea, 10 to 30 feet deep, where it was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow River is now dry, and the present lakes are the bed of the river centuries ago. The lesser life is made miserable by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving.

Tharp's Holiday Luxuries.
The Critic has, from time to time, published a great deal about Tharp's celebrated wines, liquors and cigars in a style that was, to a certain extent, deceptive and amusing. This time is an exception. Your attention has been called from the start to his establishment knowing the fact that his goods are much better after a few days' keeping. This time I did not intend to do so, either, or to a large extent, for strangers, who are coming to the National Capital daily. Those who are acquainted in the city need not be told that Tharp's establishment is located at 18th Street northwest, neither do they need be informed as to the quality and purity of the goods he sells, for they have time and again sampled his excellent old Berkeley.

The Postmaster's Adjourn.
The annual session of the postmasters' convention was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dr. Mather, in Pennsylvania, presided. Judge White with a lame speech announced by yesterday's Critic. A resolution was passed endorsing the nomination of General Dickinson for Postmaster-General and the convention adjourned.

Major Brady, postmaster at Walnut, Ind., will remain in the city to look after the post-masters' bill in Congress.

Handsome Display of Fancy and Dry Goods.

Mr. S. H. King, son of Mr. Samuel King, is deserving of much credit for his close attention to trade. He recently opened a store at 112½ Seventh Street Northwest, and has it stocked to its fullest capacity with desirable goods, many of which are suitable for holiday presents. Energy will tell when accompanied by good business discretion. Mr. King's windows are especially attractive, showing many fine and many beautiful novelties intended for Christmas gifts. We would advise the readers of The Critic not to fail to call upon Mr. King and examine his handsome and cheap goods.

Washington Prize Pigeons.

At the poultry and pigeon show in Baltimore yesterday premiums were awarded Washington competitors as follows: John L. Wagaman, black-breasted red game, second on pen; Lee & Stine, white Leghorn, first on pen, second on cockerel; W. S. Stockbridge, second on pullet, second on pen.

A Triple Alliance.

Unhappily for the wretched victim of their assaults, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness are faithful allies. When one of these foes attack the system, the other two specifically follow in its wake and successfully make him an invalid. Still worse, however, and most seriously, if Hostetter's Stomach Bitter be used to repel the onset. The Bitters as easily extirpate these monsters as St. George is depicted in the act of doing to the dragon in the steel vignette upon the glass bottles which contain the medicine. Their flight, like their advance, is nearly simultaneous. The moment the Bitters are taken, he promptly retreats, leaving health master of the position and strongly entrenched by the Bitters. This grand fortifier is also a reliable bulwark against the insidious assaults of malarial disease and stops the approach of rheumatism. It, moreover, relieves nervous complaints, and imparts vigor to the weak.

"Alderman Dairy Wagons."
Fresh Alderman butter, churned every morning and delivered in 4 lb. "Ward" prints 40c per lb. Also cottage cheese, Buttermilk and sweet milk, 5c per qt. Cream, 15c per qt.

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Ladies, Children and Men

Ever brought to this city, which we offer at amazingly low prices.

These prices embrace Linen, Silk and Lace Handkerchiefs.

To-day we devote our space to the enumeration of our attractive stock of Silk Handkerchiefs.

White China Silk Handkerchiefs.

White China Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 18 inches square, one-inch hem, only 25c each. White China Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 22 inches square, one-inch hem, only 35c each.

White China Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, extra qualities, two-inch hem, 25c, 35c, 45c, 55c, 65c, 75c, 85c, 95c, 105c, 115c, 125c, 135c, 145c.

White China Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, reduced to 25c former prices, 35c and 45c.

One lot of White Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs reduced to 25c former prices, 35c and 45c.

One lot White and Colored do, reduced to 35c, or 3 for \$1; former prices, 50c, 65c and 75c.

One lot do, reduced to 35c; former prices 75c, 85c and 95c. These are odd lots, and we make the price low to close them out at once.

Our 25c Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs beat anything in the market.

Real Duchess Lace Handkerchiefs, from 87½c to \$12.50.

Fineest Japanese Hemstitched Handkerchiefs from 50c to \$1.25.

Japanese Initial Silk Handkerchiefs at 75c.

Fancy Articles of every description from 10c to \$15.

Plush Frame Mirrors at greatly reduced prices.

Newbern, Fans, Glass Umbrellas, Table Linens, Laces, Satins, Socks, Ladies' Hats and Boxes, Jewelry, Black Dress Goods in all the newest wovens, Perfumery and Toilet Waters, Work Boxes, Work Baskets and other useful articles, at low prices.

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White Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs.

Hemstitched, two-inch hem, 20 inches square, 45c, 55c and 65 inches square, 75c, 87½c, \$1.00.

\$1.10 and \$1.25. Two rows of hemstitching, one-fourth inch hem, 22 and 24 inches square, 55c, 65c, 75c, 85c, 95c, 105c, 115c, 125c, 135c, 145c.

White Japanese Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 22 inches square, in all, immense variety of solid colors, polka spots, plaids, etc., in choice colors.

White China Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 22 inches square, two-inch hem, colors, cardinal, old gold and light green, only 12½c each.

Fancy Japanese Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 16 inches square, all the leading plain shades, also dots and fancy designs, only 20c each.

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White China Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 22 inches square, two-inch hem, colors, cardinal, old gold and light green, only 12½c each.

Fancy Brocade Silk Handkerchiefs, over 100 styles and colorings, representing different and various patterns, all in silk, lace, satin, and mounting combinations in predominating shades of light and dark blues, greens, cardinal, old gold, saffron and saffron, 50c, 65c, 82½c, 100c, 115c, 135c, 150c, 165c, 180c, 195c, 210c, 225c, 240c, 255c, 270c and \$1 each.

White Brocade Silk Handkerchiefs, 50c, 62½c, 75c, 87½c, \$1, 125, 150, 175, 2, 2, 62½c, 255c, 270c and \$1 each.

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